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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 4658

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SUBJECT: PROTECTION FOR IMEE MARCOS

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1. DCM AND RSO MET WITH GENERAL VER, CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY COMMAND, APRIL 24 TO UNDERLINE PRINCETON UNIVERSITY'S INTEREST IN EARLY EXPLORATION WITH MALACANANG OF LIVING CONDITIONS AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMEE MARCOS.
2. WE INDICATED PLEASURE, ON BEHALF OF AMBASSADOR AND USG, THAT IMEE HAD SELECTED PRINCETON AND THAT HER ADMISSION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. GENERAL VER NOT AWARE OF RECEIPT OF DEAN RUDENSTEIN'S APRIL 13 LETTER BUT SAID FIRST FAMILY KNOWS "FROM A CABLEGRAM" OF ADMISSION DECISION AND ALSO COGNIZANT FROM PRESS TICKERS OF STUDENT PROTEST.
3. WE STRESSED DESIRE OF DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY TO BE OF SUCH ASSISTANCE AS SUITABLE, IN PROMOTING DIRECT RESOLUTION OF SECURITY MATTERS BETWEEN MALACANANG AND UNIVERSITY BUT STRESSED USG LACK OF RESOURCES TO OFFER PROTECTION. STRESSED THAT WE WOULD LIKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BE ABLE TO ASSURE DEPARTMENT THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE IN PROCESS AND IF POSSIBLE TO OUTLINE NATURE OF PRESIDENT'S PLANS CONCERNING PROTECTION.
4. VER SEEMED APPRECIATIVE OF THIS INITIATIVE, ACKNOWLEDGING
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THAT THESE QUESTIONS HAD NOT YET BEEN ADDRESSED AND THAT
UNDOUBTEDLY IT IS TIME TO DO SO. HE DECLINED TO OFFER AN
OPINION AS TO WHETHER PRESIDENT WOULD WISH TO MAKE THESE
ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH MILITARY ATTACHE OR OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS
IN WASHINGTON OR BY DISPATCH OF AN AGENT FROM MANILA (PRETAIN
AS YET LIST FOR DINNER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DINNER WILL
PROBABLY TOTAL SIXTEEN INCLUDING PRESIDENT AND MRS.
BHUTTO. WILL SEND AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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